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Sir,

I am not a lawyer, but I am a computer professional. Microsoft has, since its release of Windows 95, consistently behaved in a predatory, and anti-competitive manner. The sort of slap on the wrist that the Department of Justice is proposing will do nothing to solve the problem, and doubtless will be interpreted by MS as a license to do worse in the future.

Only harsh measures will prevent MS from behaving in a monopolistic manner. Ultimately, I have grave doubts that anything short of a breakup will work. At the very least MS should be prohibited from acquiring any more of their competitors for an indefinite period.

Simply demanding that they improve their behavior, with no penalties if they don't, and no checking to ensure that they do, will accomplish nothing.

Thank you for your time,

James Jackson